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TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS – GENERAL NPDES PERMIT FOR DISCHARGES OF LOW THREAT HYDROSTATIC TEST WATER TO SURFACE WATERS IN COASTAL WATERSHEDS OF LOS ANGELES AND VENTURA COUNTIES (GENERAL NPDES PERMIT NO. CAG674001)

Enclosed are copies of the tentative Waste Discharge Requirements and General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit for Discharge of Hydrostatic Test Water to Surface Waters in Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. This tentative Permit will replace the requirements under the existing Order No. 97-047, CAG674001.

The enclosed tentative requirements consist of:

- a. Fact Sheet;
- b. Board Order;
- c. Attachment A - Screening Levels for Potential Pollutants of Concern in Potable Water Used for Hydrostatic Testing;
- d. Attachment B - Watershed/Stream Reach Limitation;
- e. Attachment C - Standard Provisions;
- f. Sample Monitoring and Reporting Program; and
- g. Appendix I – SWRCB Minimum Levels

Notice of the tentative Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) has been published in newspapers of general circulation in the areas to be covered by the WDR. The proof of posting notice can be reviewed in this Regional Board office or a copy can be mailed upon request. In accordance with administrative procedures, this Board at a public hearing to be held on July 1, 2004, will consider the enclosed tentative requirements and comments submitted in writing regarding any and all portions thereof. The Board will hear any testimony pertinent to this discharge and the tentative requirements. It is expected that the Board will take action at the hearing; however, as testimony indicates, the Board at its discretion may order further investigation.

Written comments or testimony regarding this tentative Order must be received at the Regional Board's office by the close of business on June 4, 2004, in order to be evaluated by Board staff and included in the Board's agenda folder. Comments received after that date will be provided, ex agenda, to the Board for their consideration. Timely submittal of written comments is encouraged to ensure that all comments are accurately and fully included in the administrative record, that Board staff are able to provide timely review, and that Regional Board members have sufficient time to give full consideration to the comments and issues raised. Comments received after the requested date may result in delay in consideration of the tentative Order.

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Discharges of Low Threat Hydrostatic Test Water
to Surface Waters in Coastal Watersheds
of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties

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If you have any questions, please contact Thizar Tintut-Williams at (213) 576-6752 or me at (213) 576-6657.

Sincerely,

Augustine Anijelo, P.E., Chief
General Permitting and Special Projects Unit

Enclosures:

Fact Sheet
Tentative General NPDES No. CAG674001, Order No. R4-2004-XXXX
Attachment A – Screening Levels for Potential Pollutants of Concern in Potable Water
Used for Hydrostatic Testing
Attachment B – Watershed/Stream Reach Limitation
Attachment C – Standard Provisions
Sample Monitoring and Reporting Program
Appendix I – SWRCB Minimum Levels

cc: Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9
Clean Water Act Standards and Permits (WTR-5)
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service
Department of Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
James Maughan, Division of Water Quality, State Water Resources Control Board
Michael Lauffer, State Water Resources Control Board, Office of the Chief Counsel
Department of Fish and Game, Region 5
Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, Flood Control and Drainage
Los Angeles County Department of Health Services
Los Angeles County Department of Environmental Health
California Department of Health Services, Drinking Water and Field Operations Branch
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